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# REA ROLL CALL

For REA Men and Women in Service

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## GOING UP

Some Recent Promotions For REA Servicemen and Women

John McNeill, 3rd Class Petty Officer

Capt. David A. Askegaard

Lt. George A. Ball

Sgt. Irene M. Arche

E/5 Charles S. Lewis

W. F. Orndoff, Storekeeper, Third Class

(Send News of Your Promotion to the REA Roll Call)

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## LEVINSON'S CHRISTMAS TREE FINALLY BRIES OUT

The Christmas tree that Lt. (jg) Nat Levinson and his compatriots in the Aleutians have nurtured for these many weeks has finally given up the ghost.

"There wasn't a needle left on it," Nat writes, "so we decided that its time had come. We burned it with full military honors. I was sorry to see it go because there are no trees on this island at all."

Lately, Nat has turned naturalist and has been combing the beaches looking for shells of sea urchins and moonstones. One day he was rewarded with an accidental soaking in the frigid waters of the Bering Sea.

P. S. If anybody has a Bantam or Argus camera to sell, Levinson is interested. Address Ord. Dept. Navy 163, FPO, San Francisco.

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WE WELCOME ALL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THIS PAPER

## REA'ERS GIVE 89 PINTS

DURING BLOOD DONOR WEEK

Eighty-nine REA staff members donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross in St. Louis during REA Blood Donor Week, January 29 through February 3, 1945.

The campaign was conducted throughout REA by the REA War Activities Committee, headed by Guy Thaxton. Co-chairmen of the blood donation sub-committee are E. Corinne Sutton and REA Nurse Lillian Honig.

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## TWO SONS & 11,536 MILES

STODDARD'S RECORD SINCE LEAVING REA IN 1942

An account of Capt. Sanford Stoddard's travels since he left REA in July, 1942, to join the Marines, reads much like a Maria Montez-Jon Hall movie.

Stoddard is now stationed in the South Pacific, after stops in the Hawaiian Islands, the Marshalls, the Palau and the Admiralty group.

"Probably the greatest danger," he says, "came from the elements. There was a rip-snorting tropical typhoon which we rode out aboard ship for three days and three nights, just off Pelelieu."

"Right now there's nothing to worry about except speeding jeeps, falling coconuts, Mrs. Anopheles Mosquito and inferior whiskey."

Stoddard has been overseas for five months. For a further account of his activity before leaving the States, see "Vital Statistics", in this issue.

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REA's Fifth Gold Star



LT. THOMAS A. MAGUIRE



Killed in Action

December 5, 1944





# BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS COLUMN WRITE

BORN: to Capt. and Mrs. Sanford Stoddard, a son, Ray Sanford III, April 14, 1943; a son, Michael Bruce, November 21, 1944.

BORN: to Lt. and Mrs. George A. Ball, a daughter, Jacqueline Eileen.

MARRIED: Ens. Edith R. Johnson to Joseph Glemboski, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y., December 30, 1944.

FEIN MISSES WATKINS IN NEW CALEDONIA AND COHEN IN NEW GUINEA; SCORE: TWO STRIKES

Pvt. Harry Fein almost got to see Lt. Bruce Watkins in New Caledonia last October and he just missed. Pvt. Dave Cohen in New Guinea but he did see one fellow REAer in the South Pacific area, Cpl. Al Garber.

Fein went to a hospital in New Guinea to make a blood donation and he was told that Cohen had just left there.

"Score," Harry wrote after he met Al, who used to be in the same Casualty Co. back in the States, "dis two strikes and a single on a forced play."

Harry's locality is ripe for rural electrification, he adds. "In fact, it's ripe for almost anything, because of all the rain and heat we've had. I've been thinking of starting a truck farm here."

## NOTES FROM EVERYWHERE

Capt. Berny Shebest is back in the States. He's out at Hamilton Field, Calif. Copies of "The Legal-ite", the Solicitors Office paper for REA barristers in service, are being sent to them with this issue of the Roll Call. We still need the addresses for Robin Lett, James McReynolds and Harold Pyfren. If you know where any or all of these three men are, please write the Roll Call. Our address is on page one.

Lt. Harry Thiesfeld heard that T/5 Charlie Lewis is in the Admiralty Islands too, and asked us for his address. The same mail brought a letter from Charlie. Both of them can be reached through Navy 3205, Thiesfeld in the Ordnance Dept., and Lewis in the 413th Signal Radar Maintenance Unit. Cpl. Elmer Eriksson sends a big plug for the Red Cross. They supply him with a large building, plenty of lounge room, and lots of hot coffee and doughnuts. Edith Glemboski (see "Vital Statistics") is waiting for the Coast Guard to release her to inactive duty. Her husband, a veteran of the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, was wounded at Salerno and honorably discharged. On February 4th, The Washington Post printed a picture of Mrs. Sam Schneider and two-year old Howard Mark. His daddy, a Warrant Officer with the Third Engineer Brigade in the Pacific Area, has never seen his son. We're sending Sam an extra copy of the clipping because we know he'll wear out the one his wife sends him by showing it around. Ted Orndoff will try to find his REA buddy, Ens. Harry Oswald, who is now stationed in Ted's back yard, Norfolk, Va. Sgt. Beryl Longenecker and Sgt. Irene d'Arche are in France, still together, with the Ninth Bombardment Division. Lt. Don Allen left the Miami Naval Air Station in December and spent his first Christmas at home in five years. He saw the Cotton Bowl game on New Years Day and had dinner with Lt. and Mrs. Russ Rohn last week. On the day before Christmas, Dave Askegaard had to go outside after lunch because the hot sun beating down on his tent made it unbearable.

Joe Kaminski has transferred from the Portland Magnetic Ranges, Fort Preble, Me., to the Boston Navy Yard. Gus Stewart has left Camp Van Dorn for APO 410.

## NOTICE TO ALL REA SERVICEMEN IN AUSTRALIA!!

The Minister of Public Works, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, has a copy of the REA Construction Contract, and would like to have any REA Servicemen, especially those from Design and Construction, visit him for a discussion.

WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE WRITE THE ROLL CALL